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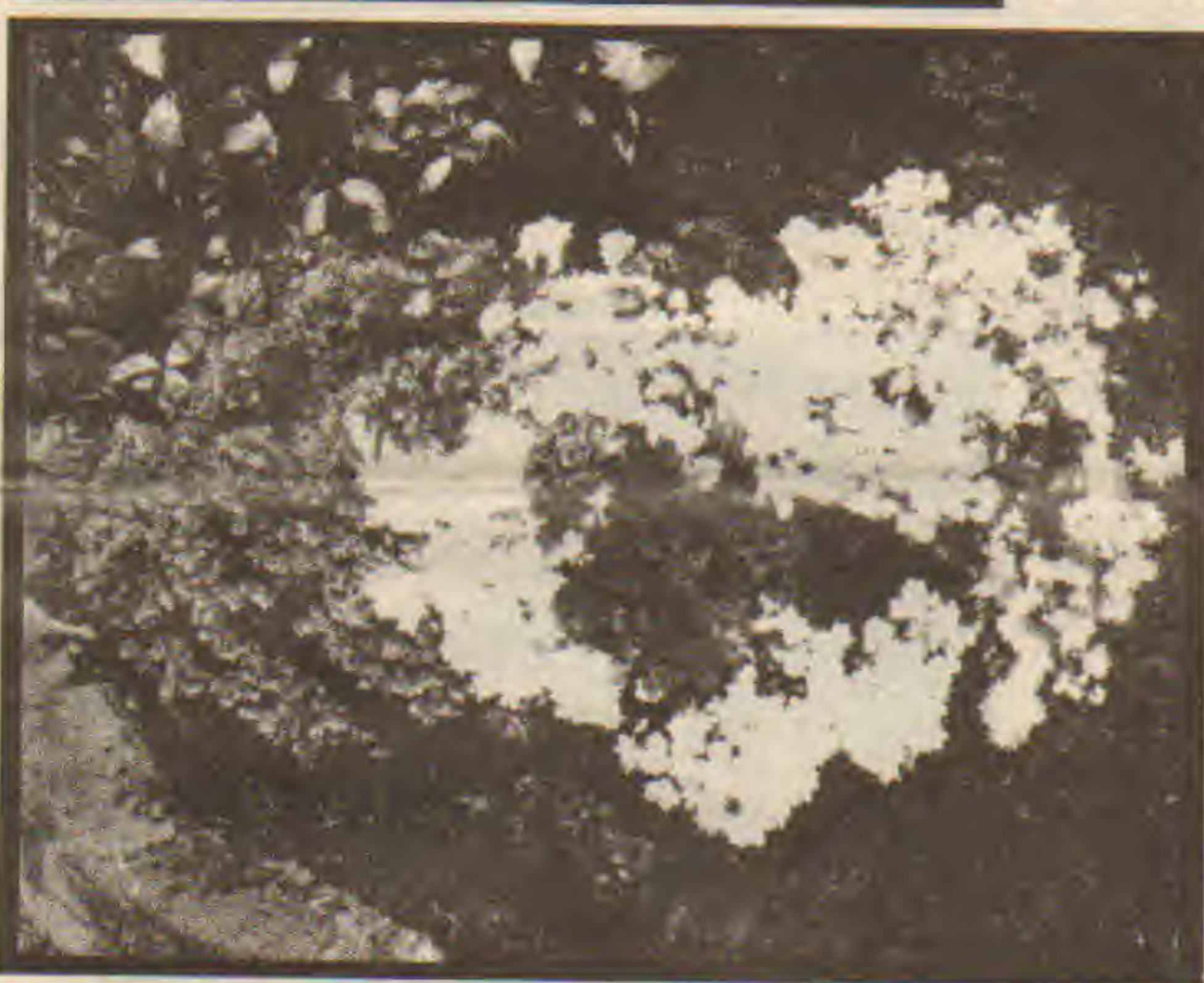
Shelton State Community College

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Spring-Time in T-Town!



Spring!



Some of the ways to enjoy spring in Tuscaloosa are (clockwise) teeing off on the first hole at the Country Club of Tuscaloosa, enjoying a lunch and sweet tea at downtown's Alabama Grill, swinging at Bower's Park or just stopping to visually feast on the azaleas

By Clay Williams

Did you notice spring? It crept in on March 21. And as a public service to our readers, we offer a Tuscaloosa primer on spring to those of us who have forgot how to have outdoor fun.

Start with UA's Quad

Stop a stranger walking a dog on the nine-acre quad on University Blvd., and you'll find out the attrac-

tion of the place: "It's the only place in town where I can bring my dog and let her run free." He goes on to say, "It's also a great place to meet people."

Another less familiar place that T-town can boast are the cliffs at lake Nicol. University freshman Emily Alford said about the scenic area, "I was really surprised when I first went to the cliffs because it's something I would never have expected to see in Tuscaloosa." The cliffs provide a

beautiful setting for such things as picnicking, studying and hiking.

To get to the cliffs you take McFarland going towards Northport and exit onto Rice Mine Road. At the light you go left and about five miles later you take a right on New Watermelon Road. Continue on until it dead ends and then go left. After that you continue until the next stop sign

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Shelton's Job Fair is "huge success"

By James A. Crawford II

On March 18, Shelton State hosted Job Fair '99, its second annual job fair at the Martin campus in the atrium. Various businesses from the surrounding community and broader Tuscaloosa were in attendance. The businesses had displays announcing their opportunities and the benefits they offer to future applicants.

The fair offered a lot of opportunities for students to get to know the potential employers in various fields and to get an idea of what to expect when they graduate.

Monica Sampler, a freshman at Shelton State said, "It was definitely helpful in deciding on my future. It's good to have so many choices to look at. Clerical is my field; that's what interests me

and there are several of those kinds of opportunities here today."

Students weren't the only ones enjoying the turnout at the fair. The businesses relished the idea of having such a large group in one place to present their programs to.

"The turnout was a lot better than anticipated. We're looking for employees for all areas. We've already had about 100 people come to our table by noon-time. I think it's good to be able to touch people, to get to talk to them. This is our second time coming to Shelton's job fair because we think it's just such a wonderful opportunity. In terms of certain jobs like part time, and field work, we look to Shelton even more than the University," said Beverly Burgess of the Hu-

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Students and potential employers met in the atrium at Shelton during Job Fair 99

Many students getting into the act

By Jacob Snyder

The actors are acting, dancers are dancing, and most of the actors and dancers are singing as well. Rehearsals are seeming to go pretty well, but what else is involved with making sure *Cinderella* is a success?

One of the most important aspects of theatre is the technical work involved. *Cinderella* will be

no different. This show is a full tech show and is exercising almost every aspect of theatre technology possible. Julie Arrington, the stage manager for *Cinderella*, said, "The production is a big 'fly' show and when I say fly I mean the scenes fly in and out. There is also a large amount of magic involved in *Cinderella*, and we have to make it appear real. Aside from the pyrotechnics involved, we also have

chairs moving across the stage by themselves, flowers appearing from out of thin air, and a pumpkin changing into a carriage. Overall, I have to say that this show is going to be huge."

So is the technical side of *Cinderella* the only thing left to assure a success? Not Quite.

Cinderella is going to have a

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Public Service Announcement

**Don't forget the Alabama Wildflower Society
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Computers to shut down April 12-16

The college has announced that all student services requiring computer terminals will be unavailable from April 12-16. This week will see the final conversion for the college's effort to exterminate any Y2K bugs

lurking in corners.

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Attention All Students:

Come By the atrium for counseling the week of April 19. Faculty members will be available to guide all students in their course of study

Future Issues

The *Courier* looks forward to six more issues this school year: two more in April; one each month is scheduled for May, June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier Online* at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/courier/courier_main.html

Keep Looking Up!

By Dr. Lee Albritton

The month of April is ideal to observe one of spring's most spectacular and familiar constellations—Leo the Lion.

Leo is one of the 12 constellations that the ecliptic runs through. The ecliptic is the plane that the planets travel in as they orbit the

sun, and these 12 constellations are commonly called the zodiac.

To find Leo, simply look high in the southeastern sky after the sun sets. It is easy to recognize by finding a backward question mark, with a triangle to its lower left. The backwards question mark—sometimes called the "sickle" of Leo—is the head and mane of the great lion, and

Be aware of the Lion

the triangle is his rear end.

The bottom star in the backwards question mark is Regulus, and it is the brightest star in the constellation. Regulus also sits exactly on the ecliptic.

Keep looking up and enjoy watching Leo the mighty lion in the April night sky.

Three—No Four—Days Down the Cahaba

A Two-Part Story
By Will Nichols

Editor's Note: Former Shelton student Will Nichols and current Shelton student Justin Kenny dreamed about a canoe trip down the Cahaba for months. During spring break they managed to borrow a canoe and take the plunge. We asked them to take notes. This is Will's report.

The night before our trip, I couldn't sleep. Both Justin and I were determined to get in the water no matter what, and the thunderstorms crashing outside told me we would have to tough it out to keep on schedule. My parents and Justin's dad were skeptical of our plans, but what the heck...

We got a lift down to a spot below West Blocton and put in on Thursday at about 8:30 a.m. It was raining hard at that point, and our buddy who allowed us to strap the 16-footer to his car, said maybe we ought to wait. After all, I didn't need to be at work till Tuesday and Justin would be on break next week. What was the hurry? As it turned out, though, we needed all the time we had—and we needed even more.

The Eventful Day

On the way down the fast-moving current, I talked with Justin about what lay ahead. I had never canoed in whitewater. We talked about how the guides in Bulldog Bend near Centreville were there to take people through, but not us.

Our first landmark was Centreville. I checked our map

Springtime Pastime

to be sure. It was beautiful country. The rain had stopped, and we were really enjoying ourselves. We went through some Class 2 rapids—nothing too bad. We saw three goats perched on a rock and realized they were living in a cave. We took pictures of them and of us. Life was beautiful.

Then we hit some rapids that we thought must be class 3. There were two-and three-foot drops. Once, it looked like nothing but the horizon on the river. But we rode out the drops and were having a blast.

Suddenly we hit a submerged rock and the current pushed us sideways. We went over the drop off-center, and that caused us to tip over.

We had already worked out who was to grab what if that happened. Justin grabbed the canoe and the oars. I looked for the gear and realized it was still secured by the bungee cords and pad locks we had placed.

Justin stayed with the canoe, though we realized later we should have let it drift downstream and caught up with it later. We ran the rap-

ids this time outside of the canoe, trying to keep our toes up so that we didn't get our legs caught in some rocks and drown.

In the next rapids, past a bridge, the canoe, with Justin still holding on, got wedged between some rocks and water was pouring in and submerging it. I was pulled downstream and could not make it back. It looked hopeless and we were miserable in the freezing water with a boat that didn't look like we could free.

Justin struggled with it for 30 or 45 minutes (we purposefully didn't bring a watch) and finally got it free. He sent it down to me. I caught it and we dragged it near shore. We had not lost anything essential.

We had to bail it out with cups and finally we were able to get back on the river until evening, looking forward to some food, some sleep, and a roaring fire to heat our drenched bodies and dry our soaked clothes.

Finally we found a sandbar.

Next Issue: The fellows have to take extraordinary measures to make it back...



Justin Kenny (L) and Will Nichols were still friends after their Cahaba and Alabama Rivers adventure

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are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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and go right. Finally, there is a sign for lake Nicol at which you go right. After less than a mile, you're there. **A Walk—Or Other Things—in the Park**

Park life in Tuscaloosa revolves around three outlets: Bowers, Snow-Hinton, and Sokol. Each has its specialties.

Snow-Hinton, right in the heart of town on McFarland Blvd., has become the walking and rollerblading center. If you drive by any time during the day you will see dozens of



You can have a lot of fun outside this spring, but you will never have as much fun as Assistant to the President Rick Rogers had dunking Student Dean Humphrey at Shelton's Spring Fling

people doing both. Already a bit of a conflict has arisen between the rollerbladers and the walkers, since few of the techno-sizers heed the instruction to blade in the opposite direction of the walkers.

Tennis—or Golf—Anyone?

Bowers Park on Loop Rd. and the University courts on Bryant Drive are the best bets to tune up a rusty tennis game—unless you join one of the clubs—like Indian Hills or the Country Club of Tuscaloosa—that has rubico courts.

Speaking of clubs, the Tuscaloosa Club is a terrific buy right now with initiation fees of only \$500 and affordable monthly dues of only \$145. With that, you get unlimited golf and tennis not only in the spring, but year-round.

And other things...

Spring is a great time to eat

outside. Tuscaloosa has many restaurants that provide outside eating accommodations.

Unfortunately two restaurants that provided outside dining have closed, those being Barrett's Brewpub and Capstone Grille.

Buffalo Phil's is, as its sign says, a Tuscaloosa tradition since 1980. Phil Weaver, the owner, said that when the current Phil's was built he built the outside porch knowing that it would provide for a pleasant dining experience and bring more business. "As the weather gets warmer the cold drinks and wings get better," said Weaver.

Tannehill Park's Trade Days have started up just down the expressway toward Birmingham. Held every third weekend in the month through the fall, it is the ideal get-away that takes only a half-hour to get there.

Whatever you for this spring, do it "al fresco."

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total of five different showings in the time of April 15-18. There are 450 seats per performance, so that is roughly 2250 seats and tickets that need to be sold. In order to sell that many tickets, publicity of the show also plays a major part. T-shirts, flyers and posters are all important aspects of the publicity game. This is where the Shelton State art department comes in.

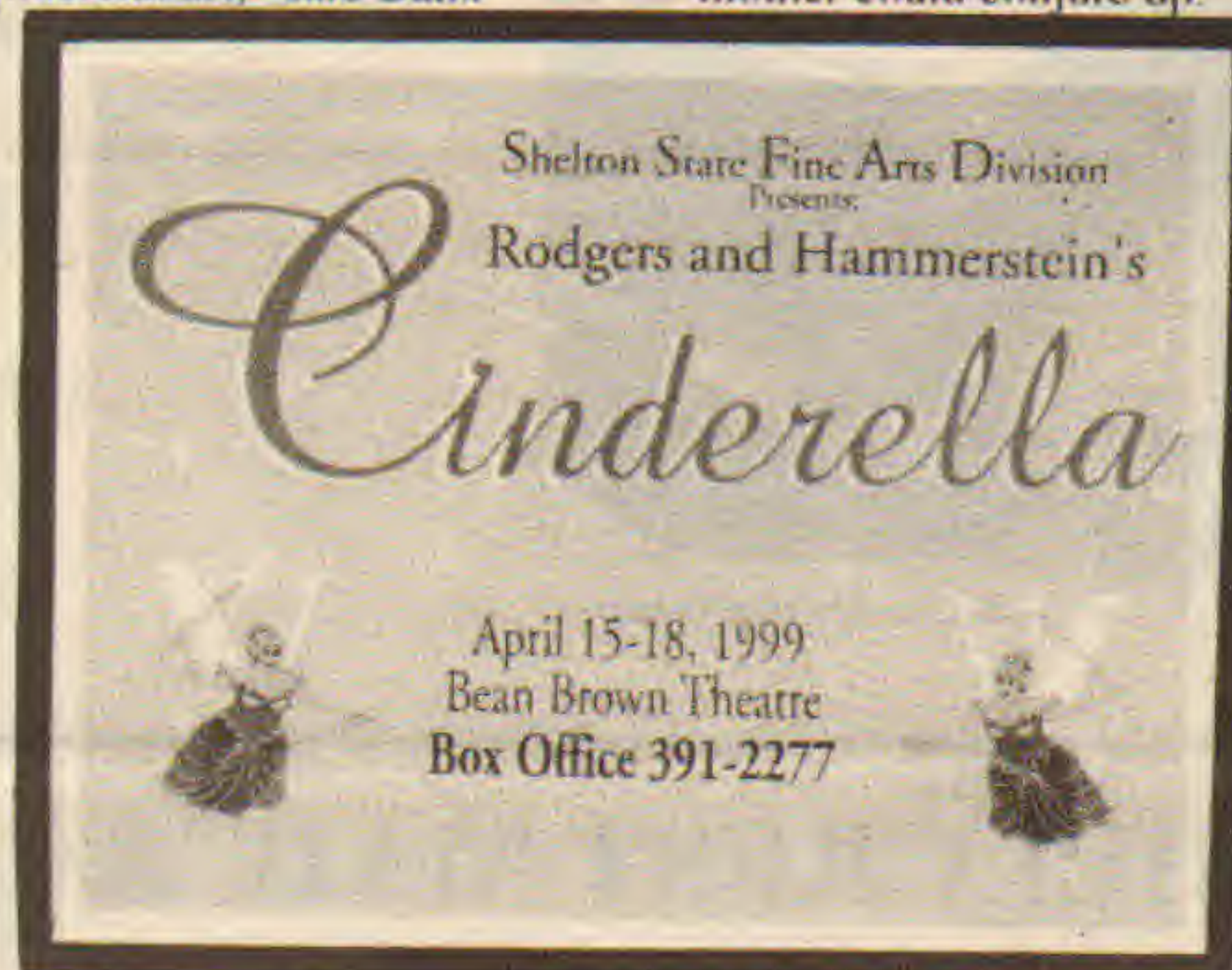
Maria Baiz, a student in both art and commercial art designed the idea that will be put on all flyers, posters, and T-shirts. "I enjoyed designing the posters because it brought me the opportunity to work with the theatre department, and it also gave me an opportunity to show the skills that I have in the field of commercial art," said Baiz.

Krist Lien, chairman of the art department, said, "I think it's great that the division has a chance to all work together on a single project like *Cinderella*. It's been a great opportunity for Maria to get some practical experience outside the classroom environment."

The week prior to spring break was when all aspects of the show really seemed to start coming together.

"We all are working very hard to bring this show together and make it a success. This week, we will practice hard and start coming together as one," said Michael Carr, director of *Cinderella*.

Publicity, technical, and the actors and actresses are all joining in order to make this Shelton State production of *Cinderella* as successful as any that even a fairy god-mother could conjure up.



Maria Baiz created this poster for the student production of Cinderella

Dining Al Fresco

Tuscaloosa hasn't exactly become Paris, as yet, but there are now at least 12 restaurants which can seat you outside on a beautiful spring evening. In alphabetical order they are:

Alabama Grill

Bob Baumhower's Wings

Buffalo Phil's Wings

Cancun

Crimson Cafe

Cypress Inn

4th and 23rd

Harvey's

McAlisters

Olive Garden

Outback

Rama Jama

Roly Poly

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man Resources Department at Randall Publishing.

Other businesses found the experience equally rewarding. Kelly's Temporary Service deals with students almost every day. "I was really surprise at how big the fair is this year. We had a good response from last year. It is definitely beneficial to be able to talk to students in person. We've had about 40 come by and sign in and several more that passed by so far today. It's been a much better response this year," said Pamela Jones of Kelly's Temporary Services.

Many students attended the fair because they realized just what an opportunity that this event presented to look at future jobs. "It gives me some idea about the future. DCH, American General are both there. I found it very helpful to talk to them in person. They have a lot of different positions to go into," said Sylvia Hill, a freshman at Shelton State.

The job fair is a way for Shelton to let students take a real look at what their future occupations are like. They get to ask questions and make contacts with potential employers, some of which they may not even have been aware of.

"I've enjoyed it a lot. I'm getting a

lot of information. There are some companies here that I didn't know existed. They had a lot of good information about themselves. It opened my mind to some things," said Tony Humphries, a sophomore at Shelton State.

Even with all the opportunities laid out, not all students were prepared to take advantage of the opportunities. "The turnout was pretty good. The students need to be better prepared with resumes and a better idea of the future. Overall, though, the experience is most definitely very good for students. It lets them know what to look forward to," said Will Smith, of Johnson Controls.

Despite the students not having been formally prepared, the fair offered businesses the chance to get to know them one-on-one and let the student body be aware of opportunities available to them.

"The students took advantage of what we have here. I've talked to 40-50 students today. It was a good response and we will definitely be coming back," said Stanley England with customer service at Alabama Power.

The job fair is held every year at Shelton State in the atrium. If you missed this great opportunity, the counseling office can put you in touch with some of the businesses. Or next year you can plan to take advantage of the many great contacts you can make.

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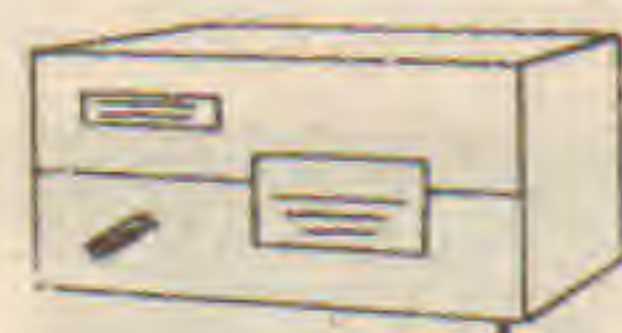
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Famous artist Christenberry to visit Shelton

Nationally renowned Alabama artist William Christenberry will be at Shelton State Community College on Friday, April 23, as an exhibitor and lecturer on his photographs, sculptures and drawings.

Christenberry's appearance at Shelton State is part of the college's Millennium Celebration, a year of special events and activities planned during 1999.

Billed as an internationally recognized interpreter of the American South, Christenberry will discuss some of the literary, philosophical and aesthetic concerns of his work.

This Millennium Evening will be held in the Alabama Recital Hall located in the Fine Arts complex of Shelton's new Martin Campus. Christenberry's lecture will be held at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

In addition 12 selected works of Christenberry's from the permanent collection of the Sarah Moody gallery of Art at the University of Alabama will be on exhibit in the National Bank of Commerce Art Gallery at Shelton.

The exhibit opens April 5 and continues through April 30. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Christenberry was trained as an abstract expressionist painter during the 1950's. Graduating with a B.F.A degree in 1958 from UA.

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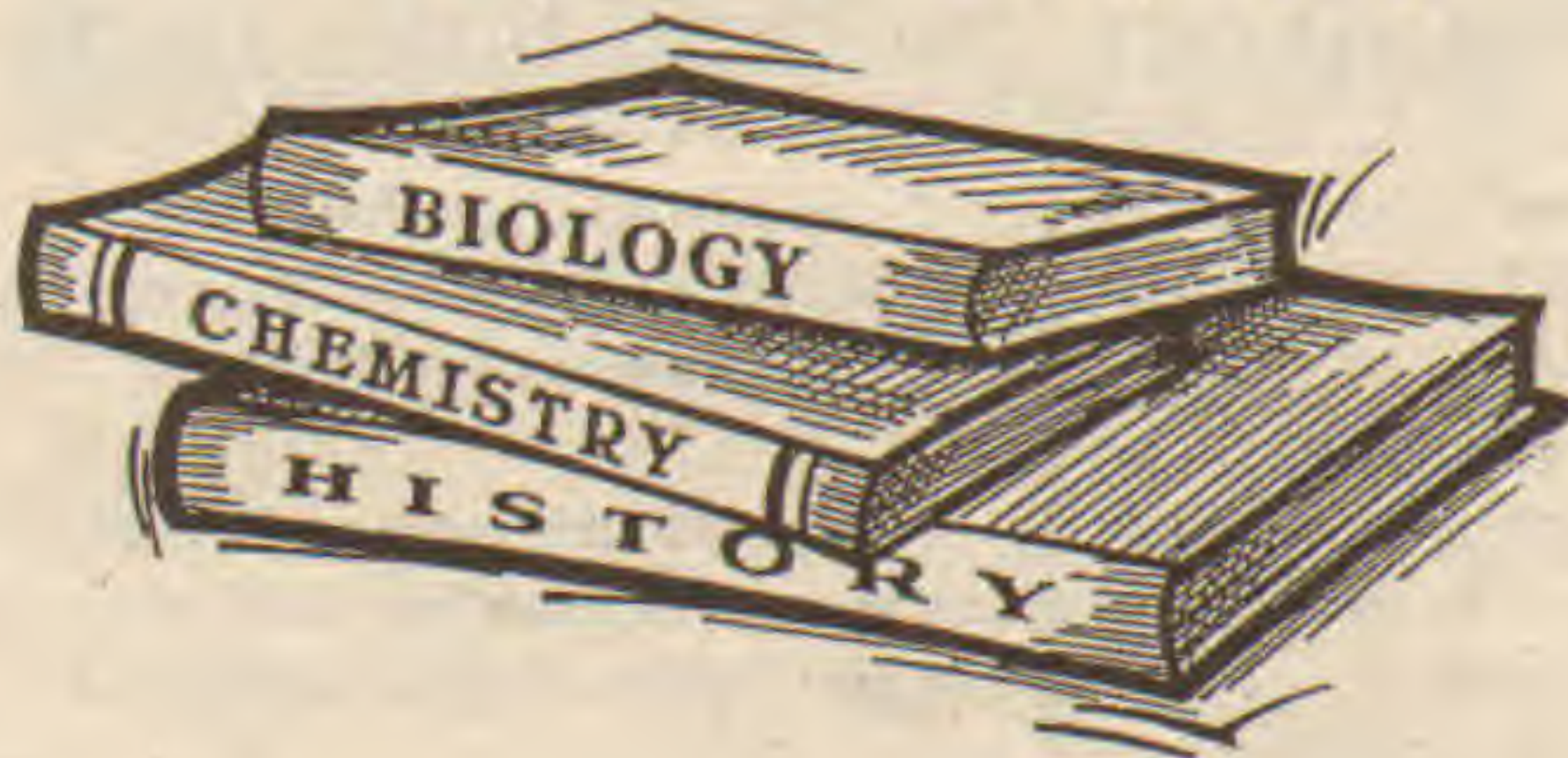
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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Shelton baseball struggling in mid-season

By James A. Crawford II

Despite having a lot of talent, Shelton State's baseball team is having a tough time of it this year.

Approaching the halfway mark of the season, Shelton is now 11-20 in regular play and 7-7 in conference, a record that is not reflective of the talent Shelton has on its team nor its hard schedule.

On March 18, Shelton split a double header against visiting Triton State of Chicago, Ill. Shelton hosted at their home field on the V.A. campus.

They lost the first game 12-3 in a blowout by the Trojans. Kyle Hammonds suffered the loss having three strike-outs, allowing seven hits, eight runs, and two walks. Leading players for Shelton were Philip Donaldson who went 1 for 4 with a double and one run scored and Jeff Bain who went 3 for 4 and had a RBI in the

second inning.

Shelton rallied back to win the second game 3-2. Jonathan Coomer had the win with seven strike-outs, two hits, two runs and only three walks. Brandon Lee had the save. Leading for Shelton was Martin Jackson who went 2 for 4 with one run scored; Brian Davis went 1 for 4 with a double and an RBI; Kyle Hammonds who went 1 for 2 with a double and Philip Donaldson went 1 for 1 with a big home-run in the bottom of the second to help put Shelton ahead. "We finally had a pitcher take charge from the beginning. We need some pitchers with more confidence," said head coach Bobby Sprowl.

On March 20 and 21, Shelton was away visiting Faulkner State. The men first split a double header, winning the first game 6-0. Fastball specialist Brandon

Medders had seven strike-outs and allowed only four hits and one walk in seven innings.

"Medders did a good job. He was in total control of the game and we managed to score the runs we needed," said Sprowl.

Sprowl's son, Jon Mark, had a home-run in the fifth and Brian Davis had a triple, three RBI's and three runs scored to give Shelton command of the ball game.

In the second game, Shelton stumbled a bit, losing 5-3. Philip Donaldson was the losing pitcher, having three strike-outs and giving up six hits, four runs and three walks.

"We had some chances. I thought we played hard and we had a chance to win the ball game. That's all you can ask for," said Sprowl.

Brian Davis punched in a homer for Shelton in the first inning

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Softball holds on to winning season

Shelton State's women's softball went 2 for 2 at the Wallace of Dothan tournament on March 19, 20.

The women, coming off a rain-out week of non-play, won the first game against Northwest Shoals 4-0.

The winning pitcher was Christy Hanshaw, who had two strike-outs while allowing only three hits and no runs.

Cindy Martin lead the way in scoring, going 3 for 3 with two RBI's to put Shelton in firm control of the game.

In the second round of the tournament, Shelton showed a little rust, losing 7-0 against Jeff State.

Christy Hanshaw suffered the loss, while Shelton just couldn't get anything to work on offense.

The third round of play wasn't much kinder to the women. Shelton lost 4-1 to Southern Union.

Michelle Dickey suffered the loss. She had three strike-outs while allowing 12 hits and four runs.

Cindy Martin had the only run scored for Shelton in the fourth inning.

In the fourth round of the tournament, things began to look up for Shelton. The women rallied to beat Wallace of Dothan, the hosting team, 7-6.

Christy Hanshaw again stepped up to the plate to win the game with two strike-outs, while allowing only four hits and four runs.

Cindy Martin saved the day by going 2 for 3 with a double, one run scored and four RBI's including a game winning one in the bottom of the seventh driving in Karla Shirley, who herself went 2 for 3 and scored two runs.

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Shelton's basketball Lilly and Ellington wrap up all-star game

Shelton State men's basketball sensations, Undrea Lilly and Jahmele Ellington were selected to play in the all-state, all-stars game this last weekend at Birmingham Southern on April 3, at 3 pm.

Lilly and Ellington joined other junior college players on the all-stars' west team. The all-state game is split into one west and one east team, depending on location. The two teams

then play each other.

Lilly, a sophomore who hails from Montevallo, averaged 16.5 points in the 1998-1999 season with two steals per game and shot 55% from the floor.

Ellington, also a sophomore, is from Birmingham. He averaged 15 points per game in 1998-1999. He also averaged two steals and four assists per game.

"I'm real happy with the effort from both guys. It was very exciting to have them play in the all-star game," said head coach Barry Mohun.

Shelton names new soccer coach

By Daniel Pettet

When you hear people talking about sports at Shelton State more than likely you hear about basketball, baseball, or golf. First year women's head soccer coach Nellie Barnes intends to change all that.

Although this is her first year as head coach, Barnes isn't new to the Shelton State scene; she was the assistant coach on the team last year when the Lady Buccaneers didn't win

a single game, another thing Coach Barnes intends on changing.

"It was a tough year last year, but I've put together a sched-



Soccer Coach Nellie Barnes

ule that we can build around," says Barnes.

She plans on going back to

the basics now that she has taken the reins as head coach.

"I plan to start at the foundation, work on recruiting and bring kids in that I believe can play on the college level," says Barnes.

Shelton has six returning players this year but it remains to be seen if any are star potential.

"I don't believe we have any one player that stands out. We are working on a more team-orientated group," says Barnes.

When she's not coaching, Barnes is also a student herself, currently working on her undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama in higher education management. She will begin work on

for the day and a two day total of 139. Nick Bamber had a three under par 69 for the day with a two day total of 145, Chris Jones and Matt Malone had a 152.

"I'm proud of them for finishing second but we played like a two wheel Cadillac," said Collins.

Shelton was at home this week hosting the Hidden Meadows Invitational in Northport. The Buccaneer #1 team won the event with a 602 total, with Jason Dillard again leading the way with two even-par

rounds for a 144 total.

Coming in second was Indian Hills college of Iowa; Gadsden State and Wallace State tied for third; Northwest Shoals was fourth; Shelton's #2 team came in fifth.

Dillard came in second individually after taking a bogey on the last hole while challenging the long par 5 with a driver on the tee.

Chris Jones, Drew Jones, Nick Bamber and Danny Germaine were also on the winning squad.

her Masters in the fall.

Coach Barnes played two years of college soccer at Minnesota and two years at Alabama. She is originally from Atlanta, Ga.

She was asked to join Shelton's team last year by former head coach Academic Dean Arthur Howington, who had seen her coach youth league at the YMCA.

The choice to have her succeed Howington as coach was natural.

"We're real pleased that Nellie got the position. She's been the assistant coach for a year and a half now and it will be good to have that continuation. She's familiar with the athletes and we're pleased

that we have a coach of her caliber," says dean of students, Humphrey Lee.

This year is looking promising for head coach Barnes and is sure to be an exciting one. Their season starts the first week in September.

Games Coming Up

Women's Softball:

April 9 Beville State at HOME
April 12 Southern Union away

Men's Baseball:

April 8 Calhoun at HOME
April 10 Bishop State away
April 11 Bishop State away
April 13 Jeff State away

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but Shelton couldn't keep it rolling.

The following week wasn't any friendlier when the men visited Bevill of Fayette, losing a heart breaker, 15-11.

Stacy McPhaul suffered the loss allowing three runs, and four hits. Carmon Homan lead Shelton going 3 for 5 with two runs scored and three RBI's. Wes Catrett punched in 2 for 2 and also had a couple of runs scored and had three walks.

On March 25, the team visited Gadsden State to play a double header.

Shelton lost the first game, which was a rain makeup from Feb. 27, 7-5.

Brian Pritchett suffered the loss allowing four hits, five runs and two walks. Leading for Shelton were Martin Jackson with 3 for 3 and a home-run in the sixth. Clay Rice contributed 1 for 3 with an RBI.

After getting the first one out of the way, Shelton regrouped to win the second game 3-2. Jonathan Coomer had the win with six strike-outs, allowing only four hits, two runs and two walks. Philip Donaldson sealed the victory for Shelton with a two run homer in the ninth, knocking in Clay Rice to give Shelton the lead. Donaldson, who went 2 for 4 also had a homerun in the second and had three RBI's.

Shelton returned home to turn over three in a row to visiting Central Alabama on March 27 and 28.

On Saturday the 27, the men lost 5-

2 and 10-5 to complete a doubleheader. Clay Rice had the only above-average numbers, going 2 for 3 with a double and a RBI. In the second game, Josh Bridges went 1 for 2 with a homerun in the sixth that drove in three runners and brought the score close, but the Trojans answered back and Shelton couldn't keep the momentum going.

On Sunday, the men dropped another game to the Trojans 6-2. Clay Rice and Chad Smith both had doubles but couldn't pull it out alone.

The men were away visiting Southern Union this last weekend. They had the favorable outcome with two wins and only one loss on Saturday. In the double header last Friday, the men won the first game 5-2, with Jonathan Coomer on the mound giving up only two runs off of three hits. Martin Jackson had a double and two RBI's to give Shelton the lead.

In the second game, Brandon Medders turned in a fine effort giving up only two hits and two walks while allowing no runs and gaining eleven strikeouts to shut down the Bison's offense. The scored was tied 0-0 in the 7th, forcing extra innings. Carlin Homan had a RBI to start off the three runs.

On Saturday, the men were feeling a bit fatigued and lost 10-4 in a single game. Philip Donaldson suffered the loss, giving up seven runs and four hits. Six of the runs were in the second inning. "We took the lead, then they took it back and jumped out to a big lead. We led them have six runs early and it wasn't much of a game after that," Sprowl said.

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Deana Bracknell pitched in by going 2 for 2 with a double.

On March 26, Shelton was back at play against Central Alabama. Visiting Alexander City, Shelton turned up a hard hitting double loss to the Trojans, losing the first game 9-0, with Christy Hanshaw at the helm for only three innings.

Hanshaw gave up all nine runs while allowing 11 hits before coming out due to injury. She took a line drive hit and had to leave the mound. Relief pitcher Michelle Dickey also suffered a field injury and was unable to play. Both players had to be taken to the hospital.

The second of the double header was no more friendly to Shelton. With both pitchers out, the women had to play with a makeshift lineup. They lost 18-4 after a valiant effort from the bench. Pitching for Shelton was third basewoman Tequila Herring who gave up 15 hits and 13 runs while having one strikeout.

"It was a very, very bad day for us. We had to finish with a makeshift lineup after losing both pitchers to injuries on the field. We were using pitchers who had never pitched before. It didn't help much that their pitcher, Jennifer Lofton, had a perfect day. At the end, they just had mercy on us," said head coach Bobby Ussery.

The next day was a little kinder.

The women split a double header while visiting Jeff State. Still hurting from the previous day, the women lost the first game 6-2. Christy Hanshaw returned to play, giving up six runs and six hits and went all seven innings. Cindy Martin and Deana Bracknell both punched in doubles and Bracknell had the two RBI's.

The women battled back in the second game to win it 9-8, with Michelle Dickey at the helm. She gave up eight runs and eight hits and had one strikeout. Karla Shirley went 2 for 4 with a triple and had two RBI's. Cindy Martin pitched in with 2 for 3 and had 2 RBI's. Deana Bracknell had a triple in the seventh that was also the RBI that tied the game and gave the Buccaneers a chance to win.

"It was a tremendous effort. We could've given up, but we didn't," said Ussery.

It was no April fool's joke when Shelton State's women returned home to split a double header against Southern Union on April 1.

The women lost the first game 7-1, with Christy Hanshaw at the helm. Deana Bracknell went 1 for 3 with a double and Lindsay Vail had the only RBI.

The second game was a little prettier if not a last-minute sensation. Shelton won it 6-5 in a dramatic comeback. Angie Stripling hit the RBI to drive in Cindy Martin and give the Lady Buccaneers a much-needed victory.

"We needed this comeback win. They were hitting our fastpitch real good, so we were hitting our slow pitcher and tried to get some things going. We tried to take advantage of their mistakes and then we had big hits from Cindy and Angie to give us the win," Ussery said.

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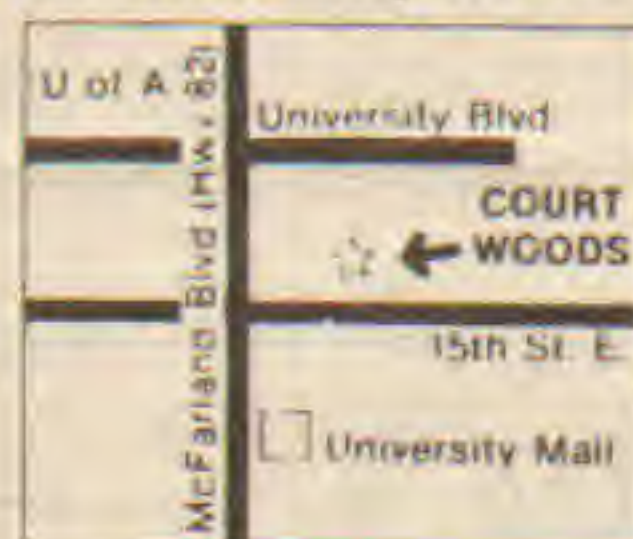
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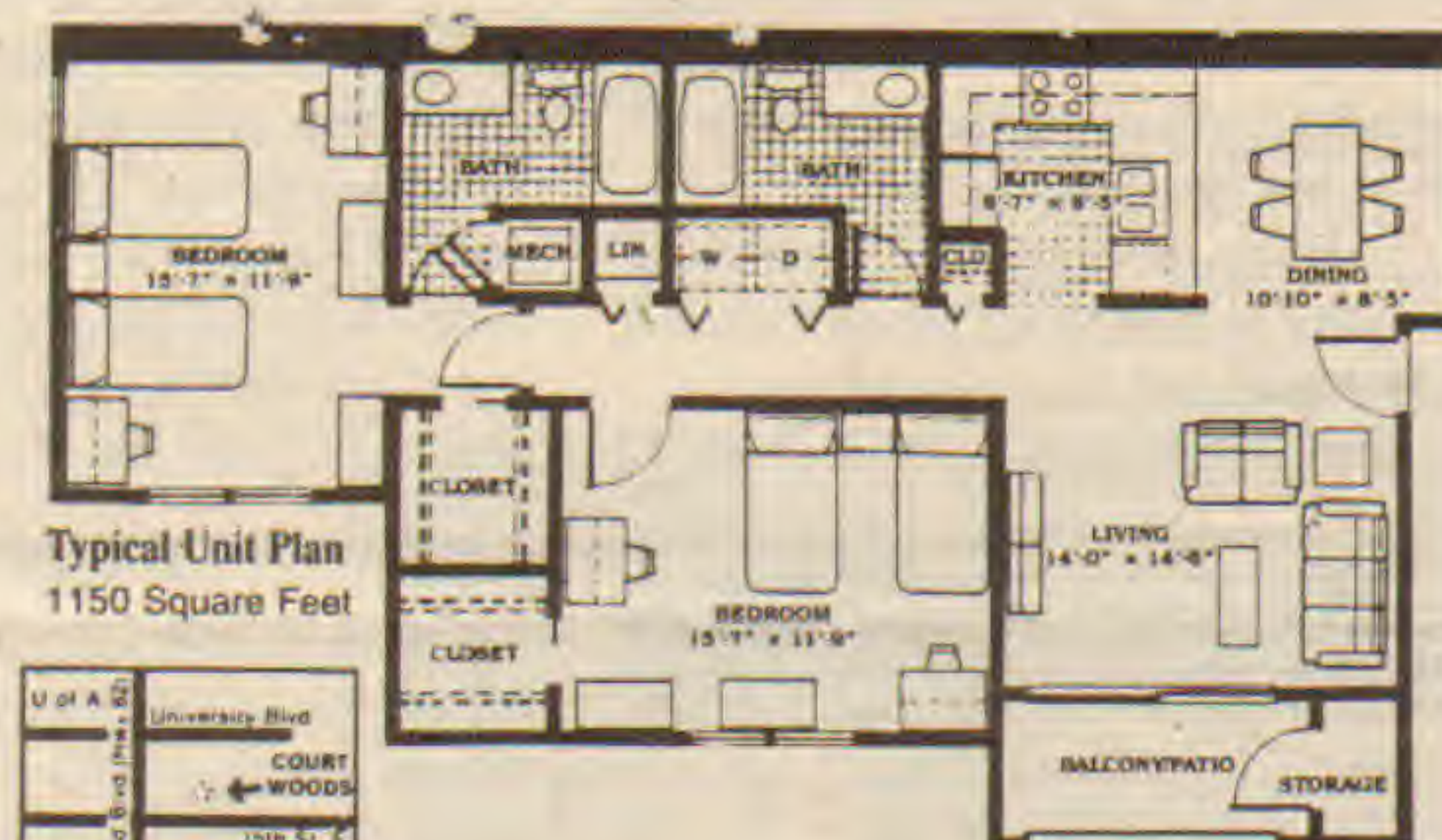


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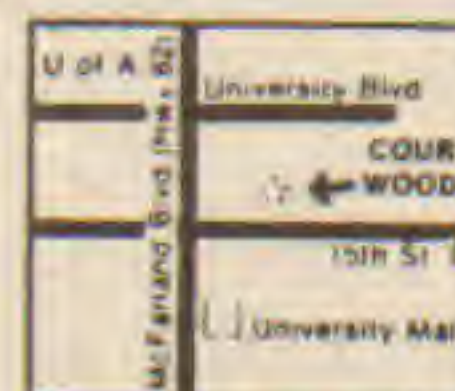
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